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SUBJ: MIDDLE EAST DEBATE IN PLENARY

1. GENERAL ASSEMBLY DEBATE ON ITEM "SITUATION IN THE MIDDLE EAST" BEGAN DEC 2 WITH STATEMENTS BY EGYPT, SYRIA, ISRAEL, YUGOSLAVIA, KUWAIT, AND INDIA. SPEAKERS LISTS HAVE BEEN DRAWN UP FOR MORNING SESSION ON DEC 3 AND MORNING AND AFTERNOON SESSIONS DEC 6 AND 7. VOTING ON THE TWO RESOLUTIONS (SEPTTEL) WHICH HAVE NOT AS YET BEEN TABLED BUT WIDELY CIRCULATED WILL PROBABLY OCCUR ON DEC 8. US IS INSCRIBED TO SPEAK LATE MORNING ON DEC 7.

2. STATEMENTS OF ISRAEL AND EGYPT WERE OF SOME INTEREST, WHILE SYRIAN PERMREP ALLAF SPOKE FOR OVER ONE HOUR IN TEDIOUS REHASH OF ACCUSATIONS AGAINST ISRAEL. EGYPTIAN PERMREP MEGUID

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PREVIEWED THE SHORT DRAFT RESOLUTION ON THE GENEVA CONFERENCE

BY CALLING ON THE GA TO REQUEST THE IMMEDIATE RESUMPTION OF THE "UNITED NATIONS PEACE CONFERENCE ON THE MIDDLE EAST," WITH THE PARTICIPATION OF ALL PARTIES CONCERNED INCLUDING THE PLO. MEGUID FURTHER NOTED THAT IT IS IMPERATIVE THAT THE SECURITY COUNCIL MEET IN "DUE TIME" TO FOLLOW UP THE PEACE EFFORT, AND FOR THE SECRETARY GENERAL TO CONTACT THE PARTIES AND TO REPORT TO THE SC AND GA WITHIN A SPECIFIC PERIOD. MEGUID CALLED ON THE US TO EXERT INFLUENCE WITH ISRAEL TO STOP ITS PROCRASTINATION AND SHOULD ISRAEL FAIL TO DO THIS, "EGYPT AND THE ARABS WILL PROCEED TO LIBERATE THEIR TERRITORIES, USING ALL MEANS OF SELF-DEFENSE PROVIDED FOR IN THE UN CHARTER." ISRAELI PERMREP HERZOG REPEATED THEMES FROM HIS PALSETINE DEBATE STATEMENT -- THE WASTE OF UN TIME ON A "BARREN SHOUTING MATCH" ABOUT THE MIDDLE EAST, EROSION OF SC AUTHORITY, AND DIVERSION FROM OTHER COMPELLING ITEMS. HE QUOTED EXTENSIVELY FROM PM RABIN'S SOCIALIST INTERNATIONAL STATEMENT ON CONVENING A HELSINKI TYPE CONFERENCE ON THE MIDDLE EAST AND NOTED THAT PRESIDENT SADAT HAS DECLARED THAT HE IS READY FOR GENEVA CONFERENCE AS WELL AS ISRAEL.

3. MISOFFS IN NUMEROUS CORRIDOR CONVERSATIONS HAVE GLEANED THAT VOTING ON LONGER RESOLUTION WHICH FOLLOWS CLOSELY ALONG LINES OF RESOLUTION 3414 (XXX) WILL PROBABLY PRODUCE RESULTS ABOUT THE SAME AS LAST YEAR. EUROPEANS ARE SPECULATING ON A POSSIBLE SPLIT THIS YEAR AS LAST YEAR WITH THREE ABSTENTIONS AND SIX NEGATIVE VOTES ON LONGER RESOLUTION, WHILE ON SHORTER RESOLUTION ON GENEVA CONFERENCE, EUROPEANS ANTICIPATE A COMMON POSITION TO VOTE "YES." UK MISOFF POINTED OUT SINGLE BASIC OBJECTION BY EUROPEANS IS PROCEDURAL ONE OF GENERAL ASSEMBLY'S REQUESTING SECURITY COUNCIL TO MEET. THIS COULD BE DEALT WITH IN EXPLANATION OF VOTE STATEMENT.

4. NEEDLESS TO SAY, VARIOUS DELEGATIONS (EUROPEANS, CHINA, JAPAN, EGYPT, ROMANIA, HUNGARY) HAVE SOUGHT US REACTION TO SHORT RESOLUTION. US DEL HAS REPLIED THAT USUN HAS NOT RECEIVED INSTRUCTIONS, BUT THAT WE EXPECT TO HAVE OFFICIAL REACTION SOON. SEVERAL DELS HAVE REMARKED THAT SECURITY COUNCIL MEETING IS JUSTIFIABLE IN TERMS OF UPDATING SC RESOLUTION 344 (1973) AND PROVIDING NEW IMPETUS TO GENEVA CONFERENCE. DRAFT RESOLUTION DOES NOT REFER TO PARTICIPANTS, BUT IMPLICATION FROM TODAY'S CONFIDENTIAL

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STATEMENTS IS THAT DRAFT DELEGATIONS CLEARLY INTEND FOR PLO TO BE INVOLVED. WOULD APPRECIATE DEPARTMENT'S VIEWS AND INSTRUCTIONS.  
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